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April 17, 2013

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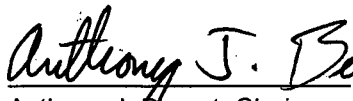
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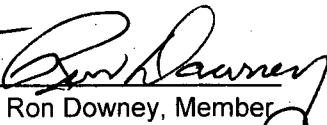
During the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting held on Wednesday April 10, 2013, the EPA stated its intentions and tentative plans for conducting an activity-based sampling event for chipping activities associated with the Troy landfill wood waste. It is our understanding that the EPA will utilize the results from this sampling event to determine the appropriate methods for processing, handling, use and/or disposal of the wood waste material. It was apparent during this meeting that the EPA and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) have differing opinions on the extent to which ABS data should be used to determine the appropriate use and disposal of the wood waste.

With this in mind, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners request additional information in writing on how the ABS data will be used, and ultimately what can/will be done with the wood waste material based on these results. In other words, how can/will the wood waste be handled if the ABS results are non-detect for Libby amphibole (LA) asbestos, or if they indicate low, moderate, or high concentrations of LA? As we have made clear during previous meetings, the Troy landfill is beyond full capacity and will soon be forced to no longer accept wood waste. It is imperative to continue open dialog on potential results and alternative next steps, to ensure an approach is agreed upon by all parties involved. Delaying further discussion until after the data is available will only prolong the process.

Please feel free to contact me directly with questions or follow-up discussion on this matter.

Sincerely,


Anthony J. Berget, Chairman


Ron Downey, Member


Mike Cole, Member